

The City of Clayton
Community Equity Commission
Virtual Zoom Meeting
July 8, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Laura Horwitz (Chair), Chris Schmiz, Ben Uchitelle, Yvonne Tisdell, Stuart Berkowitz, and Ellen Gale (ex officio).

Additional: Alderwoman Susan Buse, City Manager David Gipson, and Assistant to the City Manager Andrea Muskopf

Minutes

Chris Schmiz moved to approve the June 10, 2021 minutes. Yvonne Tisdell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Zoning Q&A – ([Video Link](#) | Passcode: 16WpZW@^)

City Manager Gipson answered questions regarding his recorded presentation.

Planning the Year Ahead

The Commission discussed the year ahead. The current list of priorities is as follows:

- Housing/Economic Development
- Welcoming City
 - What symbolic/signaling efforts can we make to change the perception of Clayton?
- Community Education and Engagement
 - What is the Commission's role?
- Vendor/Supplier Diversity
- Hiring Practices
- Updates on other policies and procedures
- Analyzing and Tracking Citizen Survey Data
- Continue to monitor:
 - Satisfaction Survey
 - Traffic Stop Data
 - Suspicious Activity Calls
 - Municipal Court Recommendations

Election of Chair

Chris Schmiz moved to re-appoint Laura Horwitz as Chair. Yvonne Tisdell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old Business**Public Comments from June 10, 2021**

There were no public comments from the June 10, 2021 meeting.

Public Comment

Rick Bliss inquired as to why Housing/Economic Development ranked so high on the priority list following the results from the 2021 Citizen Survey.

Branden Watson asked the Commission what community engagement looks like and if it has been defined.

Kathleen Gund shared that the Commission should consider the functions established by the Board of Aldermen when setting their priorities for the year, including the role to apply an equity lens to the operations, policies, procedures, and practices of the City.

Comments from Members

None.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for August 12 at 5:30 pm.

Adjourn

Yvonne Tisdell moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris Schmiz seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.